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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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AGENCY MEETING REGARDING THE DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR SEMPRA COMMUNICATIONS

To All Interested Parties:

Sempra Communications has submitted a proposal developing a Telecommunications Program intended to be a guide for planning and implementing telecommunications infrastructure and providing services to customers in primarily urbanized areas throughout 15 counties in California using state-of-the-art fiber optic cable technology. (Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Imperial, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz). The proposal was presented in Sempra Communications' application (A.00-02-020) to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to operate as a facilities-based reseller of telecommunications services in selected markets throughout California.

As the Lead Agency in this matter, the CPUC has determined that Sempra Communications is required to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR has been prepared as a Program EIR to efficiently evaluate the Telecommunications Program proposed by the applicant (Sempra Communications). As such, it analyzes (at a program level) the effects of project implementation that could be anticipated to occur as a result of the CPUC approval of the CPCN. Each subsequent activity would be subject to an environmental evaluation process at the time it is proposed. No new environmental impact report would be required unless the proposed activity would result in new or substantially more severe environmental effects than those disclosed herein.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) invites you to attend one of the scheduled meetings to discuss the Draft Program EIR. Meeting locations, dates, and times are listed below.

Meeting participants will hear an overview presentation and then will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and Draft Program EIR.

Meeting Schedule:

Date: Monday - Aug. 12, 2002 Date: Tuesday - Aug. 13, 2002 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm Location: San Francisco Civic Center Location: Tower 6 - 6th Floor Complex - Hiram Johnson Building Conference Room Training Room 1 1600 Pacific Highway

455 Golden Gate Avenue San Diego, CA

San Francisco, CA

Date: Wednesday - Aug. 14, 2002 Date: Thursday - Aug. 15, 2002

Time: 12:30 - 2:30pm Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm

Location: Hall of Administration, Rm 864 Location: CA Department of Food and Agriculture Bldg.

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The Draft Program EIR is currently available for review. Comments will be accepted until August 28, 2002. The Draft Program EIR has been published in several formats, including CD-Rom (the entire document and all graphics are in Adobe Acrobat format). The full text of the document is also available online at www.semprafiber.net. A limited amount of printed copies are available at a reduced charge for non-profit organizations and governmental entities. The document is available for review at the locations listed on the reverse. Please call (877) 779-2782 or email semprafiber@esassoc.com for more information or to request a CD-Rom.

Please direct any questions regarding any of these meetings to Jennifer Allen at Public Affairs Management (415) 227-1100 ext. 33.